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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO FRANCE
AND UNESCO, EUGENE AIDARA

1. IVORIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ANNOUNCED AUGUST 27 THE NOMINATION
OF EUGENE AIDARA AS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AND AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOLLOWS.

2. EUGENE AIDARA WAS BORN IN 1923 OF MIXED IVORIAN-FRENCH PARENTAGE AT ODIENNE IN NORTHEASTERN IVORY COAST. HE COMPLETED SECONDARY STUDIES AT THE ECOLE NORMALE WILLIAM PONTY IN DAKAR IN 1942 AT WHICH DATE HE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE FRENCH ARMY. AIDARA SERVED FOR 18 YEARS AS A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN NIGER 1942-1946, IN INDO-CHINA DURING THE 1950'S, AND IN DJIBOUTI FOR FOUR YEARS. HE COMPLETED A COURSE IN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AT L'INSTITUT DES HAUTES-ETUDES D'OUTRE-MER IN 1959, ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1961, AND WAS POSTED TO PARIS AS FINANCIAL COUNSELOR AND AS FIRST COUNSELOR IN 1961. HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA

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IN 1966 AND AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK, NORWAY, AND SWEDEN WITH RESIDENCE IN COPENHAGEN IN 1969.

3. REPORTEDLY, AIDARA WAS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND WITH THE PROBLEM OF DISSIDENT IVORIAN STUDENTS IN FRANCE DURING HIS EARLIER ASSIGNMENT TO PARIS. IN THE MID-1960'S HE IMPRESSED AN EMBASSY OFFICER AS A PLEASANT, TOUGH-MINDED MAN

WHO WAS FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARDS THE U.S. ACCORDING TO A
BIOGRAPHIC ENTRY DATED 1965, AIDARA WAS SINGLE.
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